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ACQUISITION OF MINES IN INDONESIA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) proposes to buy mines in Indonesia;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for this purpose;

(c) The details of the terms and conditions agreed upon with the Government of Indonesia in this regard; and

(d) The steps taken by the Government on this issue ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a)&(b) : Coal India Limited (CIL) through its joint venture company International Coal Ventures (ICVL) and its internal Coal Videsh division, intends to acquire coal properties in Indonesia due to combination of factors like availability of reserves amenable to low cost opencast mining and lower ocean freight to India. The recent enactment of New Mining Law in Indonesia has also opened up a new regime for foreign direct investment in coal mining in Indonesia.

(c)&(d) : The implications of New Mining Law is under examination by CIL prior to taking any investment decision.